GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2017
New Trains in Saurashtra Region
Kundariya Shri Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saurashtra Region of Gujarat is having very low/inadequate train facilities and representation has been made to Railways for starting of new trains and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Railways has received representations from people"s representatives of Saurashtra region, various organisations and rail users for starting new trains from Rajkot; and

(c) if so, the action taken on those representations?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 BY SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING NEW TRAINS IN SAURASHTRA REGION

(a) to (c): No, Madam. At present 47 pairs of Mail/Express and 40 pairs of passenger trains are serving the stations situated in Saurashtra region. These services are adequately catering to the needs of the passenger of this area. Representations, for introduction of new trains have been received at various levels of Railways administration viz., Division, Zonal Headquarter and Railway Board. These include representations from Hon'ble MP Shri Kundariya Mohan Bhai Kalyanji Bhai for (i) introduction of new train between Morbi and Mumbai (ii) introduction of new train between Rajkot and Delhi and (iii) extension of long distance trains upto Bhaktinagar. These demands are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken, subject to traffic demand, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

However, since January 2014 till date 09 pairs of new trains (6 pairs of express trains and 3 pairs of DEMU service) have been introduced in this area.

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